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EDITION

616 MEMORIAL PLAZA
DATE: OCTOBER 5
TIME: 9:30-11 A.M.

WEEKLY REPORT

OCTOBER 4, 2024

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

THE CITY OF
BURLESON
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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction, on changes to the city's benefit plans for 2025. (*Staff Contact: Cheryl Marthiljohni, Director of Human Resources*)

All meetings will be held at Burleson City Hall Council Chambers, 141 W Renfro St. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

II. GENERAL AND STATUS UPDATES

A. GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING TO OCCUR BETWEEN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in **Zones 3 and 7** tested positive for West Nile Virus. In response, the city will conduct **two nights** of ground-based spraying for mosquitoes in these zones **between Friday, October 4, through Sunday night, October 6**, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., weather permitting. The ground-based spraying will be performed by trucks equipped with sprayers in targeted subdivisions within the designated spray zones. This brings the city to 75 positives during the 2024 season. For more information, call 817-426-9848.

- [Mosquito Spray Zone 3 Map](#) (tenth positive this year)
- [Mosquito Spray Zone 7 Map](#) (sixth positive this year)

[Find out what zone you live in.](#)

In the event of rain or if wind speeds are above 10 miles per hour, the spraying may be rescheduled. This method of spraying targets flying mosquitoes that come in contact with the pesticide in the spray. These times have been chosen because they are the times that most mosquitoes are active (flying).

While the cooler weather has resulted in reduced mosquito activity, we're not in the clear quite yet. Since wild birds are the carriers of West Nile Virus, we usually see a late season spike of West Nile activity in late September and early October as the virus circulates among the migratory bird populations that are heading south. Keep wearing insect repellent when you're out enjoying this beautiful weather.

B. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JEFFERSON ELECTED TO TMLIRP BOARD

Deputy City Manager Harlan Jefferson has been appointed to represent the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP) Board on the Texas Municipal League (TML) Board. Having a representative on the TML Board enhances the city of Burleson's ability to influence the League's legislative agenda.

While the (TMLIRP) Board Election results still require some validation, and minor adjustments to the final vote counts are possible, the unofficial results are below.

- **Place 11** - Randy Criswell (one challenger): 76.0% of the vote
- **Place 12** – Allison Heyward (three challengers): 62.6% of the vote
- **Place 13** – Harlan Jefferson (one challenger): 76.7% of the vote
- **Place 14** – Mike Land (unopposed, with two write-ins): 99.4% of the vote

The final results will be announced at the Pool Breakfast next Thursday morning and formally canvassed by the Board at the October Board Meeting.

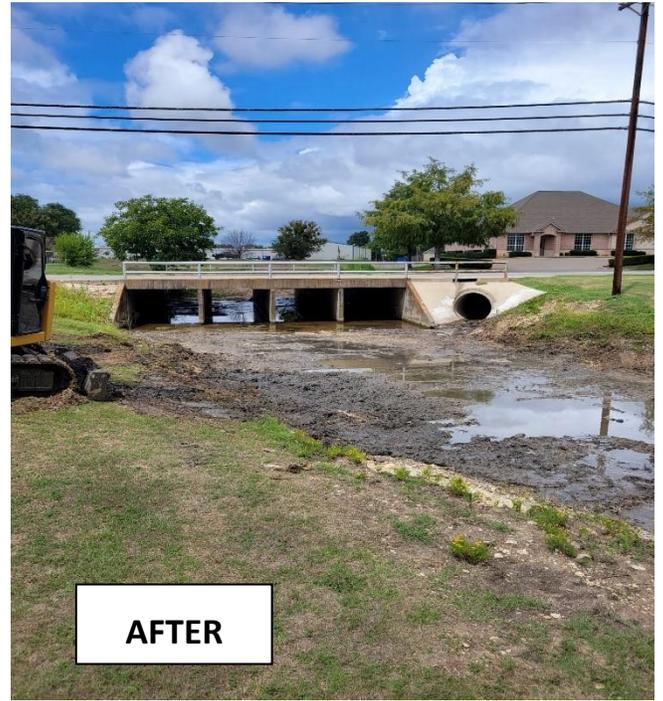
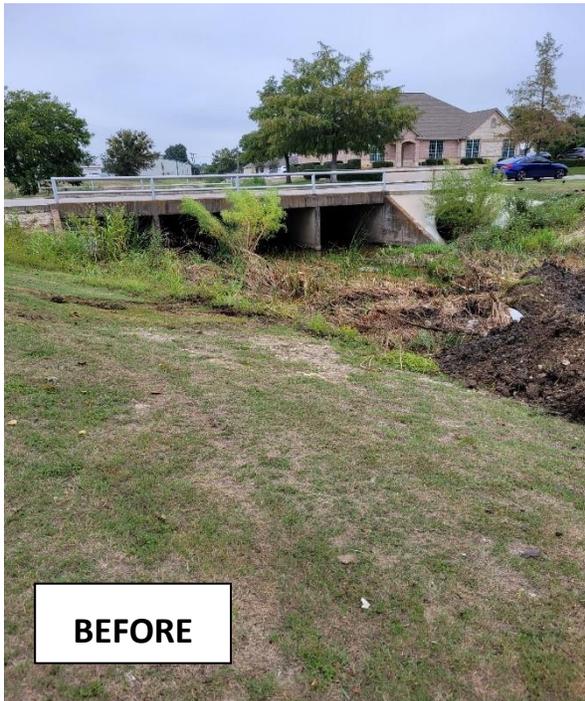
The TML Board convenes regularly—four times a year in even-numbered years and three times a year in odd-numbered years. In even-numbered years, the fourth meeting is held virtually in December to establish the League's legislative program.

C. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND SIGN ENHANCEMENTS COMPLETED BY PUBLIC WORKS

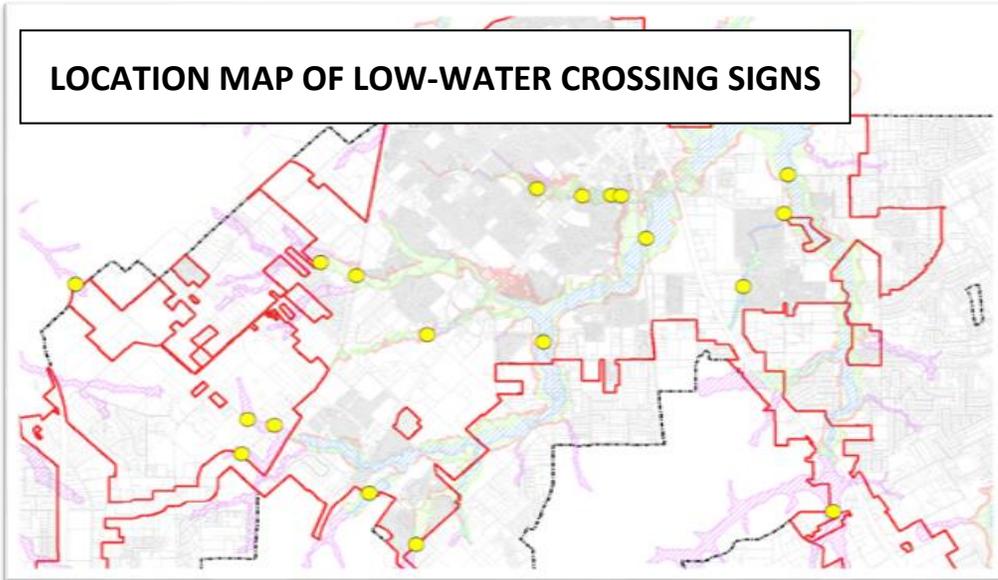
Over the last three months, Public Works has been working to identify locations that frequently flood during weather events. The purpose of this work is to restore channel capacity to some degree. Silt, vegetation, and debris accumulate

over time, reducing capacity. Staff will continue to make these improvements as weather and resources allow for the reduction of impacts during major events.

Below are before-and-after pictures of the drainage channel between Johnson Avenue and the pedestrian bridge near Warren Park.



Additionally, staff has installed thirty-six signs at low-water crossings similar to the image below, reinforcing the city's renewed emphasis on drainage maintenance and awareness. When this initiative is completed, staff will have placed forty-four signs across the city.



D. EIGHTY EMERGENCY CRANK RADIOS DISTRIBUTED FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) generously donated eighty emergency crank radios for distribution at the City of Burleson's 2024 National Night Out event. TDEM's Johnson County Liaison Officer, Samantha Smith, joined Burleson Emergency Operations Manager, Joe Laster, in handing out the radios to community members. This partnership highlights the valuable collaboration between the city and state, emphasizing the shared commitment to enhancing community preparedness and safety.



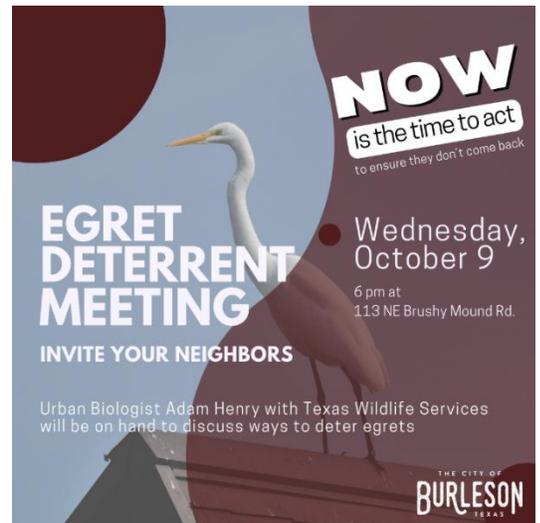
E. PARKS AND RECREATION LAUNCHES PODCAST

Parks and Recreation has launched a new initiative to engage the community through their "Walk in the Park" podcast. Each episode dives into behind-the-scenes stories, park updates, interviews with the parks and recreation team, and more. It's a great way to stay informed and connected. Take a listen [here](#).



F. EGRET DETERRENT MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 9

This summer, an egret rookery was established in the Shady Oaks neighborhood. Since egrets are federally protected once nesting begins, neither the city nor the residents could remove them. The large number of birds in the rookery caused significant disruption, including excessive noise, unpleasant odors, and damage to property, trees and grass. To address the issue, the city will host a meeting with Urban Biologist Adam Henry to discuss effective strategies for deterring egrets in the future.

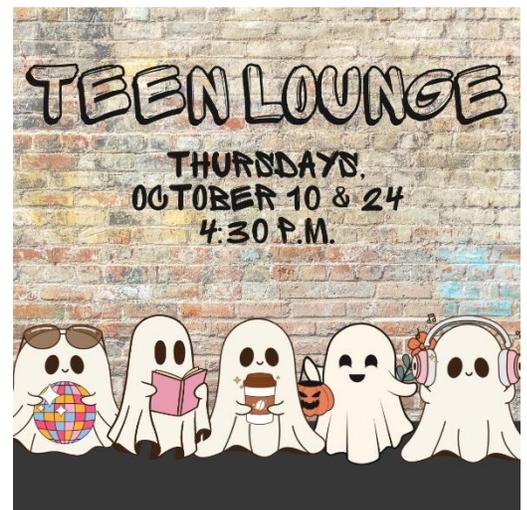


G. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Teen Lounge (ages 10-17)

Thursday, October 10, 4:30 p.m.

Teens are invited to unwind at the Burleson Library's Teen Lounge, held in the library meeting room. This fun and laid-back space offers games, activities, snacks, and the opportunity to simply hang out and relax. Whether they're looking to enjoy time with friends, try something new, or just chill, the Teen Lounge provides the perfect environment for teens to connect with others and be themselves.



H. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

On Monday, November 11, we'll be taking a bus to the Fort Worth Japanese Gardens. We'll leave the Senior Center at 11:00 a.m. sharp, then return around 4:15 (depending on traffic). At the Japanese Gardens, we'll enjoy 7.5 acres filled with relaxing pathways which wind around and through traditional landscapes and lovely ponds.

On Monday, November 11, the Burleson Senior Activity Center will host a trip to the Fort Worth Japanese Gardens. The bus will depart from the Senior Center promptly at 11 a.m., with an expected return around 4:15 p.m., depending on traffic. Participants will have the opportunity to explore 7.5 acres of serene pathways winding through traditional landscapes and tranquil ponds.



The fee for the trip is \$12 per person, which covers transportation and garden entry. Exact cash payment is required by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16. Please note that lunch is not included, but there is a restaurant conveniently located near the gardens.

For those interested in learning more about the center's offerings, tours are available. The Senior Activity Center, located at 216 SW Johnson Avenue, is open to individuals aged 50 and up.

I. GRUMPS BURGERS HOSTS 10TH ANNUAL 'BURGERS & BADGES' FUNDRAISER

Grumps Burgers in Burleson hosted its 10th Annual "Burgers & Badges" fundraiser, which brought the community together for a night of delicious food and camaraderie with Burleson Police Officers.



The event was a resounding success, raising funds through proceeds and tips to benefit the Burleson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. These contributions help the Association continue its mission to positively impact the community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Grumps and everyone who supported the event.

For more photos of Burgers and Badges 2024, check them out here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBKLWA>

J. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024 UNITES BURLESON COMMUNITY

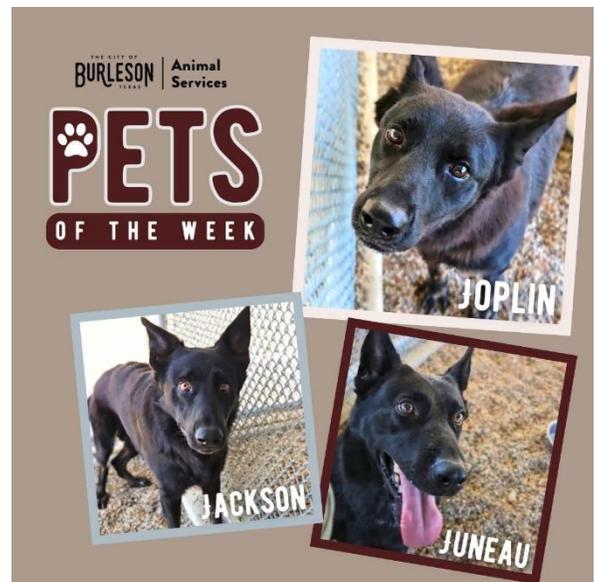
National Night Out 2024 was a tremendous success, bringing neighborhoods across Burleson together in a night of safety and unity. Families, friends, and local officers connected to celebrate the strength of the BTX community. Thanks to the hosts, volunteers, and participants, the event was one to remember. A special shout-out goes to Bree, a young Yearbook editor who joined our social media team for the night, even taking some great photos. You can view them here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBKVoB>



K. PETS OF THE WEEK

This week we are featuring these two-year-old German Shepherd mix siblings Triplet dogs have a unique bond but can also be adopted individually if you prefer.

- **Jackson** is a sweet boy who is a little confused about being in a shelter. He loves his siblings but would also thrive in a home where he's the only dog.
- **Juneau** is the more laid-back sibling of the trio. She's calm and will enjoying leisurely walks.



- **Joplin** is the curious one of the group. She is always checking out her surroundings and loves to explore.

They're all friendly and would be great additions to any active family. Come meet Jackson, Joplin and Juneau today! Their adoption fees have been waived and include shots, microchipping, heartworm testing, and spay/neuter.

Want to check out the adoptable animals at the shelter? See all available pets here: burlson.tx.com/adopt Burlson Animal Shelter is located at 775 SE John Jones Drive, hours are Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

L. **FEEL GOOD FRIDAY**

Lowe's Burlson and NorthPointe Church teamed up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to make a difference. Recently, they volunteered their time to build beds for children in need.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a non-profit committed to ensuring that every child has a bed to sleep in. This wonderful effort is a true reflection of community kindness and support!

If you have a Feel Good Friday, email newsletter@burlson.tx.com



M. JOHNSON COUNTY BOND PROGRAM

Sharing from Johnson County

As Johnson County's population continues to grow, with approximately 90% of its 180,000 residents depending on the roadway system for their daily commute, the need for improved infrastructure has become increasingly important. To address this demand, Johnson County is proposing a \$60 million transportation bond for voter consideration, aimed at enhancing safety and mobility for residents. This bond program will work in conjunction with ongoing efforts by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), focusing on project planning and engineering. The goal is to partner with these organizations to secure additional state and federal funding for construction.



**JOHNSON
COUNTY**
TRANSPORTATION
BOND PROGRAM

To stay informed about these initiatives and become involved in the process, residents are encouraged to explore the bond program's website. By visiting the [projects tab](#), detailed information on the projects included in the 2024 bond election can be found. The election is scheduled for public consideration on November 5, 2024.

Additionally, residents are invited to attend upcoming City Council and Town Hall meetings to learn more about the proposed projects. Meeting dates and locations can be found by clicking on the [events tab](#) on the website.

HAPPY OCTOBER

Birthday

Jason Alvarez
Ethan Baker
Jen Basham
CV Black
Christy Bush
Codie Capelle
Holly Cermak
Suzy Davis
Don Hallmark
Brooke Herring
Kevin Hunter
Scott Johns

Mar Johnson
Sylvester Key
Robyn Kramer
Kristie Menchaca
Brett Meugniot
David Murphy
Jessica Pounds
Derrick Rose
Kelly Sowell
Colby Stacy
Caden Ward
Jon Wheat
Grace Wigginton



HAPPY *Anniversary*

A congratulations to all of the employees who are celebrating work anniversaries in October

21 Years

Kristie Menchaca
(October 20)

16 Years

Currie Reardon
(October 20)

13 Years

Dylan Whitehead
(October 31)

10 Years

Drew Pennywell
(October 3)

8 Years

Catrina Glover
(October 17)

7 Years

Junior Rodriguez
(October 23)

6 Years

- Tiffanie Gregory
(October 3)
- Josh Gnat
(October 9)
- Tina Brinkman
(October 9)
- Blake Dunham
(October 29)
- Jennifer Shaw
(October 29)

5 Years

Chris Elliot
(October 7)

4 Years

Carolina Romero
(October 13)

2 Years

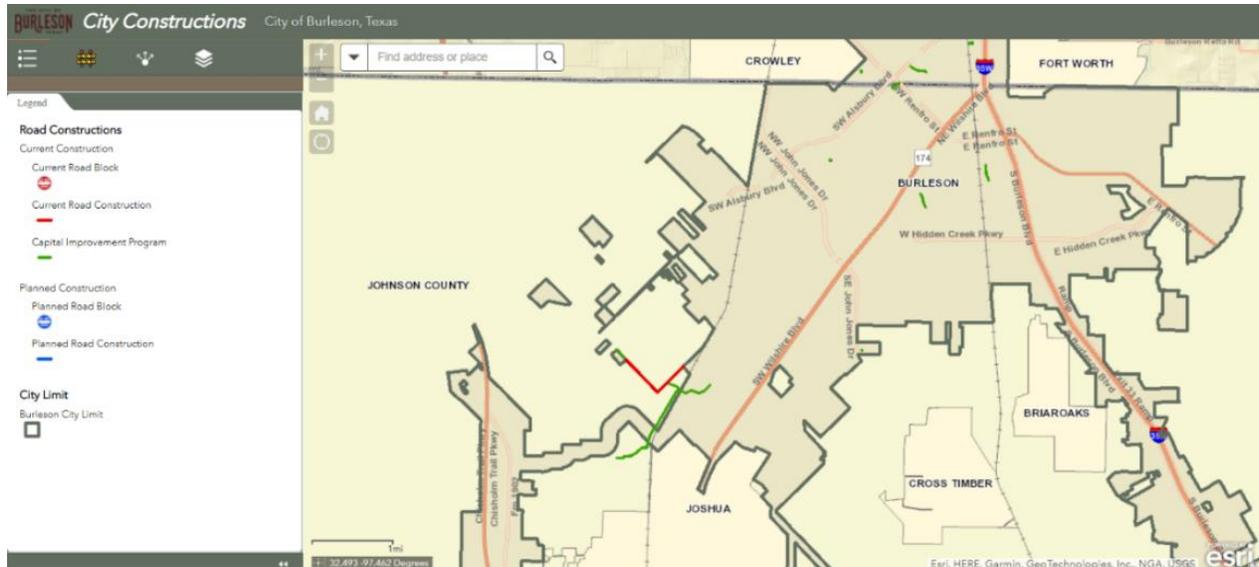
Steve Steffgen
(October 19)

1 Year

- Harlan Jefferson
(October 9)
- Jimmy Hamilton
(October 11)
- Kitty Green
(October 18)
- Marah Aqqad
(October 23)
- Eric Mills
(October 23)

III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES

[\(click to view map\)](#)



IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT	STATUS	TIMELINE
Chisenhall Synthetic Infields Phase 2 (7 fields)	Construction in progress (began May 28, 2024)	Completed – Ribbon cutting held on September 26, 2024
Meadowcrest Park	The project received council approval on Monday, July 22. The playground ordering process is currently underway. Upon order completion, the estimated production time is 12 weeks.	Anticipated completion - December 2024
Oak Valley South – Scott Street Trailhead Improvement	Design contract presented/approved at park board on February 15 and city council on February 20	Construction expected to begin Monday, October 7 <i>(See additional information below)</i>

Oak Valley South Scott Street Trailhead Improvement - Construction Kickoff and Communication Plan

Construction for the Oak Valley South Scott Street Trailhead improvement begins Monday, October 7, 2024. The trailhead will be closed that day for demolition and site preparation but will re-open on Tuesday, October 8, with a temporary connection path on the northeast side and directional signage for users. Temporary parking will also be available and clearly indicated. The trailhead will remain open for the rest of the project, expected to finish by early December 2024. Staff has communicated with nearby neighbors, Open Door Church and the Academy of Nola Dunn, to keep them informed and provide contact resources should any questions arise during the project. For additional updates, view our parks capital update page [here](#).

The project includes:

- Parking lot addition (22 parking spaces / 4 ADA)
- 8' concrete shared use trail
- Landscape improvements
- Site furniture
- Solar powered lighting
- Stone column and metal roof shade structure
- Chilled water fountain and water filling station
- Bicycle repair station



V. EVENTS

Event information can be found at www.burlesontx.com/events

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET: DATE NIGHT**
October 4, 5-9 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro Street
Free entry, items for purchase
- **DOGS AND DONUTS: HALLOWEEN EDITION**
October 5, 9:30-11 a.m.
Burleson Bark Park, 616 Memorial Plaza
Free event
- **FALL FEST AT THE FARM**
October 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Free event
- **EGRET DETERRENT MEETING**
October 9, 6 p.m.
113 NE Brushy Mound Road
Free event
- **ZUMBA LATIN NIGHTS IN THE PLAZA**
October 9, 7-8 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **FOUNDERS DAY**
October 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free entry
- **BOO BASH FESTIVAL**
October 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Chisenhall Sports Complex, 500 W Hidden Creek Pkwy
Free entry
- **THE GREAT PUMPKIN PLUNGE**
October 26 9-11 a.m.
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
\$10 per person with Pumpkin or \$5 per person NO pumpkin

- **RED CHAIR LECTURE SERIES**
October 26 11:30 a.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Free event
- **BTX BEATS CONCERT**
October 26, first band starts at 4:30 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **MILITARY VETERANS TRIBUTE**
November 9, 1 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E Renfro St.
Free event
- **FAR OUT FAMILY CAMPOUT**
November 9-10, 1 p.m. - 8 a.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Pre-event: \$25 per family of 5
Day of: \$30 per family of 5
- **OLD TOWN PICTURE SHOW**
November 9, 7-9 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town, 141 W Renfro St
Free entry

VI. ATTACHMENTS

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BURLESON POLICE DEPARTMENT

1161 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson TX, 76028
Call Burleson PD 817-426-9903 or Crime Stoppers 817-469-8477



TOP 10 MOST WANTED

AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2024

The Burleson Police Department is seeking the community's help in locating these wanted subjects. If you have any information on their location, please contact BPD at 817-426-9903 or top10@burlesontx.com. If you would like to remain anonymous, you can call Crime Stoppers anytime 24 hours a day at 817-469-TIPS (8477). These subjects may be armed and dangerous. **DO NOT** attempt to apprehend these individuals yourself.



Monice GONZALES
Engage in Org. Crime

Matthew HENSON
TAMPER EVID/IMPAIR

Casey KING
BURGLARY

Erica McGilveary
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Tony MITCHELL
THEFT



Levon RILEY-MILES
CREDIT CARD ABUSE

Samantha SHEARER
FRAUD

Jennifer SILVA
THEFT

William SLATER
STALKING

Darius TIMMS
STALKING

The Burleson Police Department Top 10 Most Wanted is updated on the 1st of every month and available online at www.burlesontx.com/bpdmostwanted